

# BORAL ASPHALT Safety Data Sheet



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** ASPHALT

**Synonyms** AC • ASPHALTIC CONCRETE • BITUMINOUS CONCRETE • BTB • DGA • DURAPAVE • EME • HOT MIXED ASPHALT • NOVACHIP • OGA • PORTMIX • SMA • WARM MIX ASPHALT • WARMPAVE

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Uses** ROAD MAKING MATERIALS

Road, industrial and airport pavements and surfacings.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** BORAL AUSTRALIA

**Address** Level 3, 40 Mount Street, Nth Sydney, NSW, 2060, AUSTRALIA

**Telephone** (02) 9220 6300

**Email** [sds@rmt.com.au](mailto:sds@rmt.com.au)

**Website** <http://www.boral.com.au>

### 1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

**Emergency** 1800 555 477 (8am – 5pm WST)

**Emergency (A/H)** 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

#### Physical Hazards

Not classified as a Physical Hazard

#### Health Hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 3

#### Environmental Hazards

Not classified as an Environmental Hazard

### 2.2 GHS Label elements

**Signal word** WARNING

#### Pictograms

#### Hazard statements

H316 Causes mild skin irritation.

#### Prevention statements

P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

#### Response statements

P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

#### Storage statements

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

#### Disposal statements

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

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### 2.3 Other hazards

This material is applied at elevated temperatures (typically 110°C to 175°C) with a special purpose paving machine or by hand spreading. Contact with hot material can result in burns. The cured, inert semi solid material is considered non hazardous.

Please see package labelling or manufacturer's literature for more detail on usage, handling, storage and disposal under different applications.

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## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
BITUMEN	8052-42-4	232-490-9	3 to 8%
POLYMER(S)	-	-	<8%
MINERAL AGGREGATE(S)	-	-	88 to 96%
HYDRATED LIME	-	-	<5%
ADDITIVE(S)	-	-	<0.1%

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye</b>	If contact with hot material occurs, flush gently with cold running water. Adhered material should only be removed under the medical direction. Seek immediate medical advice.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use a Type A (Organic vapour) respirator or an Air-line respirator (in poorly ventilated areas). Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.
<b>Skin</b>	If contact with hot material occurs, drench area immediately with cold water, do not attempt to remove material adhered to the skin. Seek immediate medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.
<b>First aid facilities</b>	Eye wash facilities and safety shower are recommended.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Avoid contact with hot material, as burns may result. Bitumens, occupational exposure to straight-run bitumens and their emissions during road paving, are classified as possibly carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 2B).

### 4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Burns caused by bitumen require special medical treatment. Consultation with a burns specialist experienced in bitumen burns is advisable in the first instance.

Refer to the Australian Asphalt Pavement Association (AAPA) bitumen burns card for further information (<http://www.aapa.asn.au>).

Bitumen burns: If hot bitumen contacts the skin, flush immediately with water and make no attempt to remove it. Use wet, cold towels if face, neck, shoulder or back etc are burnt. Cool burn areas for 30 minutes and seek immediate medical attention. Where bitumen completely circles a limb, it may have a tourniquet effect and should be split longitudinally as it cools. If eye burns result flush with water for 15 minutes, pad and seek immediate medical attention.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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### 5.1 Extinguishing media

In case of fire, use water fog, foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguisher or spray. Do not use water jets.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Combustible. May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ sulphur/ nitrogen oxides, hydrogen sulphide, hydrocarbons) when heated to decomposition.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

### 5.4 Hazchem code

None allocated.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Ventilate area where possible. Allow material to cool. Contact emergency services where appropriate.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Contain material and prevent product from entering drains and waterways. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers for disposal. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred, contact local emergency services.

### 6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Contain spillage, then cover / absorb spill with non-combustible absorbent material (vermiculite, sand, or similar), collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas. Fuming occurs at application temperatures but can be reduced if handled at temperatures below 150°C.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a well ventilated area removed from ignition sources, oxidising agents and foodstuffs. Keep storage vessels closed when not in use. Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges.

### 7.3 Specific end uses

Not applicable.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Bitumen fume	SWA [AUS]	--	5	--	--

#### Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

**Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation by working upwind where possible. Use in well ventilated areas. Maintain vapour /fume levels below the recommended exposure standard.

#### PPE

Personal protective equipment (PPE) should meet recommended national standards. Check with PPE suppliers.

**Eye / Face** Wear a face-shield or splash-proof goggles when handling hot material. Wear safety glasses when handling cold material.

**Hands** Wear heat resistant leather or insulated gloves when handling hot material. Wear chemical resistant gloves (ie. Nitrile) when handling cold material.

**Body** Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Wear impervious coveralls and heat resistant boots when handling hot material. When the risk of skin exposure is high, an impervious chemical suit may be required.

**Respiratory** Where an inhalation risk exists in enclosed or partly enclosed environments (ie. underground car parks, large tanks, tunnels etc), wear a Type A-Class P1 (Organic gases/vapours and Particulate) respirator, dependent on a site specific risk assessment.



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	BLACK HOT LOOSE COATED SOLID PARTICLES (IN USE); BLACK SOLID THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL (WHEN CURED)
Odour	BITUMEN-LIKE ODOUR
Flammability	COMBUSTIBLE
Flash point	> 250°C
Boiling point	NOT RELEVANT
Melting point	NOT AVAILABLE
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Specific gravity	NOT AVAILABLE
Solubility (water)	INSOLUBLE
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	> 300°C
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT EXPLOSIVE
Oxidising properties	NON OXIDISING
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

### 9.2 Other information

Avg weight/m <sup>2</sup> when cured	2.5 T/m <sup>3</sup>
Expected temp. when cured	Between ambient and 20°C above ambient
Max temp. in use	180°C

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites) and acids (e.g. nitric acid). Do not allow hot material to contact liquids or water.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ sulphur/ nitrogen oxides, hydrogen sulphide, hydrocarbons) when heated to decomposition.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	No known toxicity data is available for this product. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. Inhalation may cause headache, nausea and respiratory tract irritation. Once cured, the inert solid material is considered non hazardous.
Skin	Contact with hot material may cause skin burns. Exposure to asphalt fumes may cause dermatitis and photosensitisation. Once cured, the inert semi solid material is considered non hazardous.
Eye	Contact with hot material may cause eye burns. Exposure to asphalt fumes may cause irritation, redness or pain. Once cured, the inert semi solid material is unlikely to penetrate the eye and considered non hazardous.
Sensitisation	Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

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<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Insufficient data available to classify as a mutagen.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Bitumens, occupational exposure to straight-run bitumens and their emissions during road paving, are classified as possibly carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 2B).
<b>Reproductive</b>	Insufficient data available to classify as a reproductive toxin.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Not classified as causing organ damage from single exposure. However, inhalation of bitumen fumes may cause headache, nausea and respiratory tract irritation. This material may release trace quantities of hydrogen sulphide within storage facilities.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure.
<b>Aspiration</b>	Not expected to present an aspiration hazard.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**12.1 Toxicity**

The bulk of the bitumen dispersed in asphalt is fairly inert when set, and should not present an environmental hazard under normal conditions.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

This product is not readily biodegradable.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

This product is not expected to bioaccumulate through food chains in the environment.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

Spillages are unlikely to penetrate the soil.

**12.5 Other adverse effects**

Avoid contamination of drains and waterways.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Waste disposal** For small amounts dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer for additional information if larger amounts are involved. Prevent contamination of drains and waterways as aquatic life may be threatened and environmental damage may result.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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**NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA**

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.4 Packing Group</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

No information provided.

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

**Hazchem code** None allocated.

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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**15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**Poison schedule** A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

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<b>Classifications</b>	Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.
<b>Inventory listings</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Additional information** PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:  
The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

<b>Abbreviations</b>	ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
	CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
	CNS	Central Nervous System
	EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
	EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
	GHS	Globally Harmonized System
	GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
	IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
	LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
	LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
	OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
	pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
	ppm	Parts Per Million
	STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
	STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
	STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
	SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
	SWA	Safe Work Australia
	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
	TWA	Time Weighted Average

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